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Attached is a proposed recommendation to the Director on a bill by Senator Humphrey for a joint congressional committee on national security. Also attached is an explanation of the bill.

You may be interested that Humphrey's 1959 article in Foreign Affairs, cited in support of the bill, contains statements which somewhat undermine his proposition: "...we in the U.S. might well give more attention to the central virtue of the old diplomacy--the ability to conduct confidential negotiations confidentially."; and "The role of the Senate in dealing directly with international problems is severely and properly limited by the Constitution, which vests in the Executive Branch exclusive power to conduct foreign relations."

In effect, we are deferring to the policymakers on the two more obvious defects of the bill: (1) it would make Congress privy to the most sensitive activities of the NSC and the President's chief policy advisers in direct conflict with the prerogatives of the President; and (2) it defeats the original purpose of the NSC if it forces the President to avoid use of the mechanism in order to maintain the confidentiality of his initiatives and options.

Concurrence requested.